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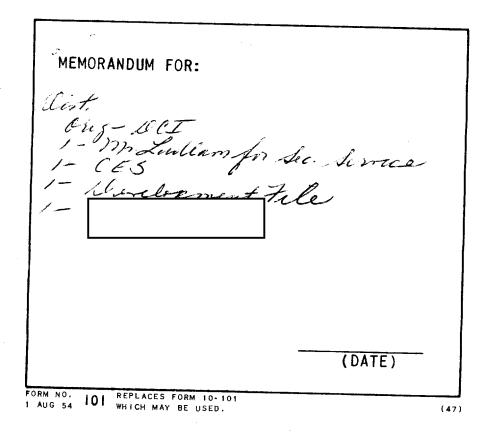
MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: The Security Situation in Australia

- 1. We believe there is little risk to the President in connection with his trip to Australia. The Australian police and security agencies are well-trained and competent. They will take all possible precautions to prevent any situation which might endanger President Johnson. Of course, a solitary act by some demented individual cannot be ruled out.
- 2. As for political demonstrations, Australians are generally well disposed toward the US. There are groups that on occasion have made vociferous (but peaceful) anti-US demonstrations on Vietnam or other issues. The chances of even this sort of unpleasantness will be minimized, however, by the solemn circumstances of the Fresident's visit.

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